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Band Performs Triple-Header at Boston's City Hall Plaza

"Air Force Band of Liberty Day" Declared



Captain Scott A. Guidry, Commander, USAF Band of Liberty, accepts a proclamation from Commissioner Justine Liff declaring "Air Force Band of Liberty Day."

AS PART OF its Summer 2000 Pops Concert Season, the United States Air Force Band of Liberty performed three concerts at Boston's City Hall Plaza for tens of thousands of city-goers. The concerts were part of the Dorothy Curran Wednesday Evenings on the Plaza Concert Series and were sponsored by the Boston Parks & Recreation Department. Working hand in hand with the Band of Liberty was Mr. Angelo Picardi, program coordinator for the entire concert series. Featured guest artists in recent years have included such

notables as The Mills Brothers, Jack Jones, and The Lettermen. Opening night occurred on July 12th, and the USAF Band of Liberty, under the baton of Commander Captain Scott A. Guidry, joined *The Four Aces* and *Crystal Gayle* in providing the audience with an evening of music, memories, and fun for all ages.

The band performed a variety of selections ranging from John Williams' moving "Olympic Theme and Fanfare" to a light-hearted rendition of "Those Magnificent Airmen and Their Flying Machines" as a tribute to the men and women of the United States Air Force. Featured vocalists SSgt Donna Williams and A1C Dustin Hatfield also joined forces to share a medley of Glenn Miller favorites with the crowd, including "Pennsylvania 6-5000," "Moonlight Serenade," and "In the Mood."

The Four Aces, along with the Band of Liberty, then took the audience on a nostalgic flashback to the days of such great hits as "Three Coins In a Fountain," "Tell Me Why," and "Love Is a Many Splendored Thing."

The final act for Opening Night was a stunning performance by Grammy-award winning artist Crystal Gayle. She thrilled the estimated audience of 10,000 with such hits as "Don't It Make My Brown Eyes Blue" and "Talkin' In Your Sleep."

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Captain Scott A. Guidry

A Message from our Commander

What a great summer for the United States Air Force Band of Liberty! In all, over 150 concerts were performed by the various components of this organization for more than 364,000 audience members throughout the New York and New England regions. I am extremely proud of the professional manner with which this organization performed each and every night, sharing their musical talents as well as the Air Force message with all in attendance!

Fall is now upon us here in New England, and the men and women of the USAF Band of Liberty are busy preparing for an exciting holiday season. We look forward to spreading good cheer and joy throughout the region during this wondrous time of year.

Enjoy this edition of *The Chimes of Liberty*, and I hope to see you at one of our holiday concerts!

Miss New Hampshire Sings with Band of Liberty



MISS NEW HAMPSHIRE 2000 Lauren Meehan joined the United States Air Force Band of Liberty for a special summertime concert in North Hampton, NH. She thrilled the audience by singing "Can't Stop Lovin' That Man" and "It's My Time," her signature song specially arranged for this performance by USAF Band of Liberty Staff Arranger SrA Kevin Bleau.

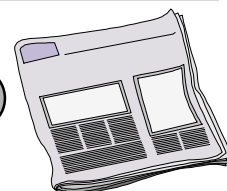
Lauren is a student at the University of New Hampshire where she is majoring in Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology with a minor in English.

CONGRATULATIONS!

CONGRATULATIONS to the Band Golf Team for winning the 2000 Services Commander's Cup Golf Challenge! Members of the Championship Team included Col Joe Magnone, MSgt Greg Sprowl, MSgt Rod Carr, MSgt Dave Long, MSgt (sel) Todd Nicholls, SSgt Bryan Bishop, SSgt (sel) Dave Dell, SrA Richard LaCroix, and SrA Kevin Bleau.

(sel) = selectee

NEWS BRIEFS



BOWLING SEASON BEGINS

Several members of the Band of Liberty have signed up for an exciting season of Intramural Bowling. The band has always been a strong contender in recent years, and this year we have two teams, "Phish Food" and "Pink Floyd," competing for the coveted championship trophy. More to come as the season progresses from September to April!

NEW & IMPROVED WEBSITE

The website for the Band of Liberty has been improved! Find out about upcoming concert dates, current personnel listings, group descriptions, sound clips, and more! The website also enables you to send e-mail to any of the band's members. The address is:

www.hanscom.af.mil/ESC-BA/

JOB OPENINGS

The United States Air Force Band of Liberty announces immediate vacancies for the following positions:

Flute

Oboe

Trumpet (2)

Vocalist

The United States Air Force Band of Liberty is a full time (active duty) Air Force band. Starting salary begins at \$20,000 with benefits including medical, dental, and 30 days vacation annually with pay. If interested in auditioning, please send a tape and resume to:

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“What a delight it was to work with such professionals as The Four Aces and Crystal Gayle,” said Captain Guidry. “Based on the reaction of the thousands of people in attendance, this evening was an incredible success for the United States Air Force. Our own men and women in the Band of Liberty worked extremely hard to help make this concert such a success.”

A few weeks later on August 2nd, the Ambassadors Jazz Band, under the leadership of MSgt Eldon Sully, performed at City Hall Plaza with featured artist **Helen Reddy**. The concert began with a bang as the band ignited the streets of downtown Boston with the sounds of Duke Ellington, Charlie Shavers, and Pat Metheny. Several Ambassadors soloists showcased their talent throughout the night, including SSgt (sel) Dave Dell on trumpet, SSgt (sel) Jeff Hoyer on trombone, SSgt Grant Koeller on tenor saxophone, MSgt Pete Harrison on keyboard, and MSgt Eldon Sully on guitar. Once Helen Reddy joined the Ambassadors on stage, she only added more sparks to an already hot concert, wowing the estimated audience of over 8,000 with her hits “I Am Woman,” “Ain’t No Way To Treat A Lady,” and “Angie Baby.”

“It was a night like none other,” commented MSgt Sully. “The venue, the audience, and the setting propelled the band to new heights.”



Helen Reddy joins forces with the Ambassadors Jazz Band.



Herb Reed and The Platters thrill the crowd as the United States Air Force Band of Liberty performs its third concert at Boston’s City Hall Plaza.



The Four Aces perform at City Hall Plaza with the USAF Band of Liberty.



Crystal Gayle entertains the crowd of 12,000 in downtown Boston.

The third appearance by the United States Air Force Band of Liberty at Boston’s City Hall occurred on August 16th, a day declared by Mayor Thomas M. Menino as “Air Force Band of Liberty Day.” Boston Parks & Recreation Department Commissioner Justine M. Liff presented the proclamation to the USAF Band of Liberty Commander Captain Scott A. Guidry prior to the band’s performance that evening. The proclamation praised the band as one that had “won the hearts of music lovers throughout the City of Boston and New England,” as well as having “been featured on Boston’s City Hall Plaza for the Dorothy Curran Celebrity Series with overwhelming success.”

“The friendship we have with Angelo Picardi, the Boston Parks & Recreation Department, and the City of Boston is one that I hope continues for many more years,” said Captain Guidry. “What an incredible honor for the United States Air Force and Electronic Systems Center.”

The concert, dubbed “Swing & Doo Wop Night,” featured the USAF Band of Liberty’s Concert Band along with one of America’s greatest musical legends, **The Platters (featuring Herb Reed)**. Before the night was over, an estimated crowd of over 12,000 - the largest crowd yet - heard the sounds of “The Great Pretender,” “Smoke Gets in Your Eyes,” and “Only You (And You Alone).”

Band of Liberty trumpeter MSgt Derek Reiss performed with The Platters that night. He said it was a fun night playing before such a great crowd and working with some real professionals. “Each song made me remember some great old times,” he added.

-- Hails & Farewells --



We welcome **A1C Jonathan J. Rattay** to the United States Air Force Band of Liberty! Airman Rattay is a native of Plano, TX and is a trumpet player with the *Concert Band* and the *Ceremonial Band*. He is a recent graduate of the Cleveland Institute of Music.



A euphonium player with the USAF Band of Liberty, **SSgt Kenneth L. Buchanan** has been reassigned to the USAF Band of the Golden West, Travis AFB, CA. He not only served diligently as the band's Director of Supply, but he also found time to complete the 2000 Boston Marathon! Thank you, Ken, for your dedication to this organization! Best wishes in California!



We also say "Hello" to **A1C Natalie O. Madison**. A native of Long Island, NY, she comes to us from the USAF Band of Mid-America, Scott AFB, IL. She will be a featured vocalist with the *Concert Band* and the *Ambassadors Jazz Ensemble*. Welcome to New England!



We say "Sayonara" to **SSgt Donna M. Williams**. SSgt Williams thrilled audiences night after night as one of the USAF Band of Liberty's featured vocalists. We are confident she will continue wowing audiences at her new assignment with the USAF Band of the Pacific-Asia, Yokota AB, Tokyo, Japan. We wish you the best as you begin this new chapter in your military career!

Personnel Spotlight

Quarterly Award Winners
July - September 2000

Senior Noncommissioned Officer



MSgt Gregory B. Sprowl
Greenwood, SC

Noncommissioned Officer



TSgt David D. Arnold
Lindstrom, MN

Airman



A1C Jeremy L. Grant
New Orleans, LA

Congratulations to our newest promotees!

Staff Sergeant Jeffrey A. Saunders
Staff Sergeant (sel) Timothy R. Blake
Staff Sergeant (sel) David E. Dell
Staff Sergeant (sel) Eric W. Baroni
Staff Sergeant (sel) Kenneth C. Maurais
Staff Sergeant (sel) Jeffrey G. Hoyer
Senior Airman Jennifer S. Martin



SSgt Jeffrey A. Saunders
Houston, TX



SrA Jennifer S. Martin
Carmell, IN



SSgt (sel) Timothy R. Blake
Binghamton, NY



SSgt (sel) David E. Dell
Williamsport, MD



SSgt (sel) Eric W. Baroni
Vicksburg, MS



SSgt (sel) Kenneth C. Maurais
Danvers, MA



SSgt (sel) Jeffrey G. Hoyer
Denver, CO



SSgt (sel) Dave Dell and AIC Diantha Thompson place one of the final bricks in the patio. In all, over 700 bricks were used in the project.

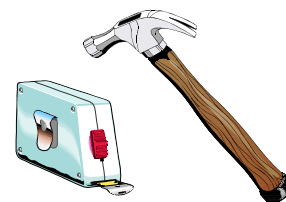


SrA Neal Melley makes a perfect cut, while others continue fitting each brick into the patio.

Patio Project Improves Band Building

THE "HANSCOM Beautification Project" is a base-sponsored program designed to help make improvements to a particular workplace. In response to this program, a plan to develop a patio area next to the USAF Band of Liberty building was submitted and approved. SSgt (sel) Dave Dell master-minded the layout and development of the project. Several band members spent their crew rest days working on the project. The new 875 sq. ft. patio will serve as the site for summertime cookouts, farewell luncheons, as well as other informal get-togethers. Plans are already underway for more improvements to the new patio including picnic tables and a gazebo.

Thank you Dave and your crew members for a job well done!



Paddy O'Crewchief supervises the band's patio project.

Concert Schedule



Concert Band

October

- 10th, Tue, 7:30 pm, Acton-Boxborough HS, Acton, MA
- 11th, Wed, 7:30 pm, Coginchaug HS, Durham, CT
- 12th, Thu, 7:30 pm, SUNY College at Oneonta, Oneonta, NY
- 13th, Fri, 8 pm, Waverly HS, Owego, NY
- 14th, Sat, 7:30 pm, Wellsville HS, Wellsville, NY
- 15th, Sun, 7 pm, Reg Lenna Civic Center, Jamestown, NY
- 16th, Mon, 7 pm, SUNY College at Fredonia, Fredonia, NY
- 17th, Tue, 7:30 pm, Olean HS, Olean, NY
- 18th, Wed, 7 pm, Haverling HS, Bath, NY
- 26th, Thu, 8 pm, New England Conservatory of Music, Jordan Hall, Boston, MA

November

- 28th, Tue, 7 pm, Four Points Sheraton, Leominster, MA
- 29th, Wed, 7 pm, Dover HS, Dover, NH
- 30th, Thu, 7 pm, Salem HS, Salem, MA

December

- 3rd, Sun, 3 pm, S. Portland HS, S. Portland, ME
- 6th, Wed, 7 pm, Keene MS, Keene, NH
- 7th, Thu, 7 pm, Woburn HS, Woburn, MA
- 10th, Sun, 7 pm, Upper Nevins Hall, Framingham, MA
- 13th, Wed, 10 am / 12 pm, Mechanics Hall, Worcester, MA



New Horizon

Popular Music Combo

October

- 7th /8th, Sat/Sun, 2 pm, Trianon Stage, Topsfield County Fair, Topsfield, MA
- 21st, Sat, 6 pm, Woodsum Farm Park, Amesbury, MA
- 23rd, Mon, 10 am, East Grand School, Danforth, ME
- 24th, Tue, 1 pm, Bangor HS, Bangor, ME
- 25th, Wed, 1 pm, Old Town HS, Old Town, ME
- 26th, Thu, 1 pm, Bucksport HS, Bucksport, ME
- 27th, Fri, 12:30 pm, Hamdon Academy, Hamdon, ME
- 28th, Sat, 11 am, 106th Rescue Wing Flightline, Westhampton, NY

November

- 13th, Mon, 10 am, J.M.Wright School, Stamford, CT
- 14th, Tue, 9 am, Stamford HS, Stamford, CT
- 14th, Tue, 1:30 pm, Bassick HS, Bassick, CT
- 15th, Wed, 1 pm, H. Cheney RVTS, Manchester, CT
- 16th, Thu, 1 pm, Bolton Central School, Bolton, CT
- 17th, Fri, 1 pm, Manchester HS, Manchester, CT

Ambassadors

Jazz Ensemble

November

- 3rd, Fri, 8 pm, Proctor's Theatre, Schenectady, NY
- 4th, Sat, 7:30 pm, Herkimer HS, Herkimer, NY
- 5th, Sun, 7:30 pm, Riviera Theatre, N. Tonawanda, NY
- 6th, Mon, 7 pm, Roberts Wesleyan Auditorium, N. Chili, NY
- 7th, Tue, 7 pm, Pembroke HS, Pembroke, NY
- 8th, Wed, 7 pm, Capital Theatre, Rome, NY

New England Winds

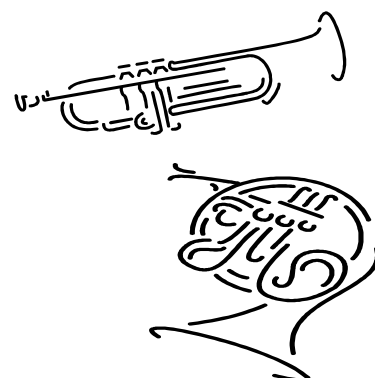
Woodwind Quintet

November

- 3rd, Fri, 7:30 pm, Arts Center, Provincetown, MA
- 4th, Sat, 7:30 pm, Pilgrim Monument, Provincetown, MA
- 6th, Mon, 10 am, Nantucket HS, Nantucket, MA
- 7th, Tue, 5 pm, Redwood Library, Newport, RI

December

- 2nd, Sat, 3 pm, Heritage Plantation, Sandwich, MA



Colonial Brass

Brass Quintet

November

- 3rd, Fri, 7 pm, Hancock Congregational Church, Hancock, NH
- 4th, Sat, 7 pm, Community Church of Durham, Durham, NH
- 5th, Sun, 2:30 pm, First Congregational Church, Littleton, NH
- 6th, Mon, 7 pm, Colebrook Elementary School, Colebrook, NH
- 7th, Tue, 7 pm, Woodsville High School, Woodsville, NH
- 8th, Wed, 7 pm, New Hampshire Veteran's Home, Tilton, NH



** Please note that all concert dates and times are subject to change. **
Visit our website at www.hanscom.af.mil/ESC-BA/ to verify a performance,
or call (781) 377-7914 or (781) 377-4337.

Ensemble Highlight



MSgt Reginald L. Hunt (oboe), SrA Richard J. LaCroix (clarinet), TSgt Sue Antolini (horn), TSgt D.J. Fullerton (flute), and SSgt Michael F. Eakin (bassoon)

The *New England Winds Woodwind Quintet* is well versed in the traditional woodwind quintet repertoire, with musical stylings from the 18th Century to the contemporary period. Additionally, by using the talents of the band's staff arrangers, the *New England Winds* also offer a varied selection of popular, Broadway, patriotic, jazz, and folk music to their programs. The ensemble is equally popular with all ages, performing for military affairs, local dignitaries, senior citizen groups, children's workshops, and civic organizations. Each performance is a unique combination of musical excellence and showmanship, marked by more than 100 years of combined musical experience among its members.

Candid Corner



SSgt Mike Eakin demonstrates how not to assemble a bassoon.



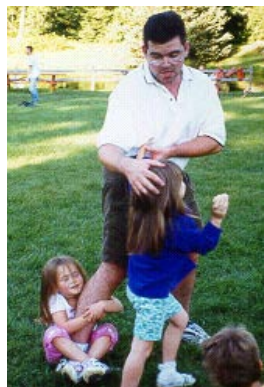
MSgt Dave Mitchell thrills a crowd with his guitar playing.



TSgt Huey Gauthier shows an O'Club audience how to "Shake Your Bon-Bon."



TSgt Dave Arnold (left), SSgt (sel) Eric Baroni, A1C Jeremy Grant, and SrA Rich LaCroix perform ceremonial music during a base Retreat Ceremony.



SrA Neal Melley gets an early lesson on parenting during the annual band picnic.



The USAF Band of Liberty's *Ceremonial Band* stands at attention as the Honor Guard retires the Colors during a base Retreat Ceremony.



Members of the Band of Liberty relax during the annual band picnic held at New Boston Air Station, NH.